

**Listing of Claims**

1 – 13 (Canceled)

14. (New) A client for use in a client/server system, the client comprising:

a web browser subsystem for requesting a program from a remote server, retrieving the program, executing the program and displaying data resulting from execution of the program at the client;

detection logic for detecting an input instruction to print an image being displayed at the client;

logic responsive to a detected input print instruction to generate printing information;

transmit logic for transmitting the generated printing information to a web application server connected to the client, said web application server being distinct from the remote server;

receive logic for receiving information generated by the web application server as a response to the receipt of generated printing information provided by the client; and

output logic for outputting the received information to a printing system connected to the client.

15. (New) The client of claim 14 wherein the program retrieved from the remote server is a Java applet.

16. (New) A web application server for a client in a client/server system, said client executing a web browser program, said web application server comprising:

receive logic for receiving printing information generated at the client;

print preparation logic for processing received printing information to prepare a print file having a predetermined print format; and

transmit logic for sending the print file to the client from which the printing information was received for printing by a printer connected to the client.

17. (New) The web application server of claim 16 wherein the predetermined print format is the Portable Document Format (PDF) format.

18. (New) The web application server of claim 16 further including:

data storage for storing form data produced by the print preparation subsystem; and

image processing logic for preparing image data for printing.

19. (New) A system comprising:

a client comprising a web browser subsystem for requesting a program from a remote server, retrieving the program, executing the program, displaying data resulting from execution of the program at the client, and generating printing information for the displayed data;

a web application server connected to the client and further comprising a receiver subsystem for receiving printing information generated at the client, a print preparation subsystem for processing received printing information to prepare a print file having a predetermined print format, and a transmitting subsystem for sending the print file to the client from which the printing information was received for printing by a printer connected to the client, said web application server being distinct from the remote server.

20. (New) In a client/server system, a client method comprising:

requesting a program from a remote server;

retrieving the program;

executing the program;

displaying data resulting from execution of the program at the client;

detecting an instruction to print an image being displayed at the client;

responsive to a detected print instruction, generating printing information;

transmitting the generated printing information to a web application server connected to the client, said web application server being distinct from the remote server;

receiving information generated by the web application server as a response to the receipt of generated printing information provided by the client; and

outputting the received information to a printing system connected to the client.

21. (New) A computer program product for printing data, the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer usable program code embodied therewith, the computer usable program code comprising:

computer usable program code configured to request a program from a remote server;

computer usable program code configured to retrieve the program;

computer usable program code configured to execute the program;

computer usable program code configured to display data resulting from execution of the program at the client;

computer usable program code configured to detect an instruction to print an image being displayed at the client;

computer usable program code configured to, responsive to a detected print instruction, generate printing information;

computer usable program code configured to transmit the generated printing information to a web application server connected to the client, said web application server being distinct from the remote server;

computer usable program code configured to receive information generated by the web application server as a response to the receipt of generated printing information provided by the client; and

computer usable program code configured to output the received information to a printing system connected to the client.

22.( New) For execution in a web application server connected to a client in a client/server system, the client executing a web browser program, a computer program product for processing print requests , the computer program product comprising a computer usable medium having computer usable program code embodied therewith, the computer usable program code comprising:

computer usable program code configured to receive printing information generated at the client;

computer usable program code configured to process received printing information to prepare a print file having a predetermined print format; and

computer usable program code configured to send the print file to the client from which the printing information was received for printing by a printer connected to the client.

23. ( New) The computer program product of claim 22 wherein the computer usable program code configured to process received printing information to prepare a print file having a predetermined print format further comprises:

computer usable program code configured to process image data identified in the received printing information; and

computer usable program code configured to process text data identified in the received printing information.